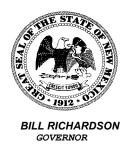
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The New Mexico Environment Department to Offer Free Water Testing in Hobbs, Carlsbad and Hagerman

(Santa Fe, NM) – The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Ground Water Quality Bureau will offer free water testing in Southeastern New Mexico. This free testing for pH, nitrate, conductivity, sulfate, iron and fluoride in private wells will be held on the following dates in the following communities:

Hobbs:

Tuesday, March 16, 2004, 10am-7pm; NM Junior College, Continuing Education Building, Room 113, Hobbs

Carlsbad:

Wednesday, March 17, 2004, 10am-7pm; Eddy County Extension Service, 1304 Stephens, Carlsbad

Hagerman:

Thursday, March 18, 2004, 10am–7pm; Hagerman Community Center, 501 E. Argyle, Hagerman

In order to be tested, samples must be at least one quart in volume, freshly drawn from a cold water tap, and brought in a covered, clean glass or plastic container that did not previously contain pickles or juice.

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